GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRADE DISPUTES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has any trade disputes with any of its trading partners;

(b) if so, the names of such trading partners and nature of trade disputes;

(c) whether the World Trade Organisation was approached by India for the settlement of such trade disputes; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the WTO and the progress made in the case of each of such disputes?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There are some trade disputes we have with certain trading partners. India has approached the Dispute Settlement Body of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) for settlingof some of them. Some of our trading partners have also complained to the WTO against India in certain cases. The present status of all these cases in the Dispute Settlement Body of WTO where India is either the complaining country or the country complained against, is given in a statement which is laid on the Table of the House.

There are other cases where India is seeking to resolve the outstanding trade disputes through bilateral consultations, which is a continuous process, failing which the Dispute Settlement Body of the WTO may be approached, if necessary.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2030 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4.8.2 REGARDING TRADE DISPUTES.

Status of Disputes in Dispute Settlement Body of WTO between India and other countries as on 1st August, 2000, is as follows:

S.No.	Subject of the Dispute	Complaint by	Against	Status
1.	India`s quantitative restrictions on imports on agricultural, textile and industrial products.	EC	India	AmicablySettled.
2.	India`s quantitative restrictions on imports on agricultural, textile and industrial products.	Australia	India	Amicably Settled
3.	India`s quantitative restrictions on imports on agricultural, textile and industrial products.	Canada	India	Amicably Settled
4.	India`s quantitative restrictions on imports on agricultural, textile and industrial products.	New Zealand	India	Amicably Settled
5.	India`s quantitative restrictions on imports on agricultural, textile and industrial products.	Switzerland	India	Amicably Settled

6.India`s quantitative restrictions on imports on agricultural, textile and industrial products.	USA	India	Lost by India
7.Absence in India of patent protection/formal system for pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical products	EC	India	Lost by India
8.Restrictions on export of products including raw hides and skins.	EC	India	Continuing
9.Quantitative restrictions on imports of textile and clothing products	India	Turkey	Won by India
10.Patent protection for pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical products	USA	India	Lost by India
11.Ban on importation of shrimp and shrimp products imposed by the US	India	USA	Won by India
12.Measures affecting imports of Women`s and girl`s wool coats	India	USA	Settled
13.Transitional safeguard measures affecting imports of woven wool shirts and blouses.	India	USA	Won by India
14.Import regime on Automobiles	India	Poland	Settled
15.Application of Cumulative Recovery System (CRS) for India`s exports of rice.	India	EC	Continuing
16.Anti-Dumping actions on unbleached cotton fabrics(UCF)	India	EC	Continuing
17.Anti-Dumping proceedings against import of Cotton type Bed-linen.	India	EC	Continuing
18.Concerning certain measures affecting the Auto motive sector - Auto policy	EC	India	Continuing
19.Import restrictions maintained by India for reasons other than Article XVIII:B of GATT 1994	EC	India	Continuing
20.A series of customs duties increases implemented by Indian authorities	EC	India	Continuing
21.Anti-dumping duties imposed by South African Authorities on imports of anti-biotics from India	India	South Africa	Continuing

22.Concerning certain measures affecting the Automotive sector -Auto policy	USA	India	Continuing